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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

1. This Office Action is in response to the Response/Amendment filed on August 29th, 2005. Claims 1-31 are now pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 2, 12 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation “*said specified parameters*” in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in claim 2, nor in the parent claim 1.

Same rejection’s reasons for claim 12, line 2, with the limitation “*said specified parameters*”; and for claim 22, line 2, with the limitation “*said specified parameters*”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for

patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-5, 8-15, 18-25 and 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Knox et al.** (U.S.2003/0158928; hereinafter refer as '**Knox**').

- In regard to claims 1, 11 and 21, **Knox** discloses in Figs. 1-10 and in the respective portions of the specification about the *computer program, system and method for controlling transfer of media content in the communication network* (For example see Figs. 1-2, 10; page 2, para [0010]; wherein the data processor, i.e. "*processor*", in the distributed file system provides services through application process, e.g. "*program code*", as disclosed in Abstract; page 7, para [0052]); *which comprise receiving the input specifying the media file* (For example see page 5, paras [0036-0037]; Figs. 7-9; page 6, para [0048]) *for transfer via the communication channel ('streaming media') in the communication network, causing a display of a plurality of quality of service options corresponding to said at least one media file for selection by a remote user* (figs. 4-8 where the user interfaces, e.g. "*display*", provides functions for remote user's selecting as disclosed in page 6, para [0048], which includes for the selecting bandwidth as disclosed in page 5, para [0041], bit rate as disclosed in page 6, para [0043], cost and quality of service as disclosed in page 6, para [0046]; page 7, paras [0050-0051]); *receiving the quality of service selection specifying at least one of said plurality of quality of service options* (For example see page 4, para [0033]; pages 5-6, paras [0043, 0046-0047, 0049]; page 7; paras [0050-0051]) *and transferring the media file via the communication channel utilizing the quality of service selection* (For example see page 6, para [0046]; page 7, paras [0050-0051]).

- Regarding claims 2, 4, 12, 14, 22 and 24, in addition to features in base claims 1, 11 and 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claims 1, 11 and 21 discussed above), **Knox** further discloses about *transferring the specified parameters* ('selected characteristics') *to the first communication device* ('distributed file system') *coupled to the communication network* (For example see Figs. 1-2, 10; page 6, paras [0044], [0046-0048]; wherein the distributed file system manages the streaming media content and streaming media operations, e.g. "*media server*", as disclosed in page 2, para [0010]).

- In regard to claims 3, 13 and 23, in addition to features in base claims 1, 11 and 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claims 1, 11 and 21 discussed above), **Knox** further discloses about *configuring the communication channel by the second device* ('agents') *utilizing the transferred specified parameters* (For example see page 2, para [0016]; page 7, para [0051]).

- Regarding claims 5, 15 and 25, in addition to features in base claims 1, 11 and 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claims 1, 11 and 21 discussed above), **Knox** further discloses about *generating the received input specifying the media file for transfer via the media guide and a device guide* (For example see Figs. 7-9; page 5, para [0036]; page 6, para [0047-0048]).

- In regard to claims 8-9, 18-19 and 28-29, in addition to features in base claims 1, 11 and 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claims 1, 11 and 21 discussed above), **Knox**

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further discloses about “*varying the cost depending on the selected parameters that specify the quality of service*” (For example see page 7, para [0051]; wherein the cost for delivering the streaming media asset is determining as the function of the subscribed level of service and the billing cost determining by the billing system is “*presenting the cost for transferring the media file utilizing quality of service selection*”).

- Regarding claims 10, 20 and 30, in addition to features in base claims 1, 11 and 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claims 1, 11 and 21 discussed above), **Knox** further discloses *wherein the parameters for the transfer of the media file comprises encoding type* (For example see page 4, para [0033], page 5, para [0036]), *encoding rate* (For example see page 2, para [0016]), *the bandwidth to be utilized for transfer* (For example see page 5, para [0041]), *the time to be utilized for the transfer* (For example see page 1, para [0005]), *and the cost for the transfer* (For example see page 7, para [0051]).

- In regard to claim 31, in addition to features in base claim 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claim 21 discussed above), **Knox** further discloses *wherein the processor is the computer processor* (‘data processor’; For example see page 7, para [0052]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 6-7, 16-17 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Knox et al.** (U.S.2003/0158928; hereinafter refer as '**Knox**') in view of **Rasheed et al.** (U.S.2004/0064575; hereinafter refer as '**Rasheed**').

- In regard to claims 6, 16 and 26, in addition to features in base claims 1, 11 and 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claims 1, 11 and 21 discussed in part 7 of this Office action above), **Knox** discloses about the distributed file systems for providing services for loading, staging, distributing and delivering streamed media content over data network. **Knox** does disclose about the user interface (For example see Figs. 7-9) presented by the system to the client for providing inputs to access and manage media files over data network. Though, **Knox** does not explicitly disclose about generating the received input from "*the television screen within the home*"; however, "*received input from the television screen within the home*" is well known in the art for generating data transfer sessions, which require different Quality of Service for appropriate data transfer session.

For example, **Rasheed** discloses in Figs. 1-3 and in the respective portions of the specification about the apparatus and method for data transfer system based on the request priority data transfer in the Small Office or Home Office 'SOHO' network (For example see Fig. 1; page 1, para [0003]; pages 1-2, paras [0014-0015]); wherein the user selects the choices displayed on the TV in the SOHO network ("*received input from the television screen within the home*"; For example see page 4, paras [0032-0033]) with rendering control service to the television (For example see page 3, para [0021]) in transferring media.

Thus it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the invention as taught by **Rasheed**, by combining the selecting menu displayed on the TV into the **Knox**'s system, with the motivation being to improve the ability to select choices from different environment, e.g. from the "*television screen within the home*" in transferring media data.

- Regarding claims 7, 17 and 27, in addition to features in base claims 1, 11 and 21 (see rationales pertaining the rejection of base claims 1, 11 and 21 discussed in part 7 of this Office action above), **Knox** further disclose about "*buffering the media file*" during transferring ('media-on-demand file'; For example see Fig. 2; page 5, paras [0036-0037]; wherein, "*queuing the media file*" is obvious in order to transferring streaming media files suited with data rates and different formats.

Thus it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the "*queuing the media file*" into the **Knox**'s storing process, with the motivation being to improve the ability to manage and distribute the streaming media files.

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8. Applicant's arguments filed on August 29th, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In regard to claims 1, 11, and 21, Applicant argues that **Knox** fails to disclose, "*causing a display of a plurality of quality of service options corresponding to said at least one media file*

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for selection by a remote user” and “receiving the quality of service selection specifying at least one of said plurality of quality of service options”. Examiner respectfully disagrees. **Knox** does disclose about the user interfaces (see figs. 4-9), e.g. “*display*”, which provides functions for remote user’s selecting as disclosed in page 6, para [0048], including for the selecting bandwidth as disclosed in page 5, para [0041], bit rate as disclosed in page 6, para [0043], cost and quality of service as disclosed in page 6, para [0046]; page 7, paras [0050-0051]; and where the server receives the request from end user for distributing the files as disclosed in page 4, para [0033]; pages 5-6, paras [0043, 0046-0047, 0049]; page 7; paras [0050-0051]. Therefore, Examiner concludes that **Knox** teaches the arguable features.

Regarding claims 5, 15, and 25, Applicant also argues that **Knox** fails to disclose, “*generating the received input specifying the media file for transfer via the media guide and a device guide*”. Examiner respectfully disagrees. **Knox** does disclose about the server, which receives the request from the end user as disclosed in figs 7-9; and distributes the file as request as disclosed in page 5, para [0036]; page 6, para [0047-0048]. Therefore, Examiner concludes that **Knox** teaches the arguable features.

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12-24, 16-20, 22-24 and 26-31 are rejected as in Part 5 and 6 above of this Office action and by virtue of their dependence from claims 1, 11, and 21.

Conclusion

9. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri H. Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

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